

## CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON

## **Historic District Commission**

## Certificate of Appropriateness

July 22, 2022

Plans for: Applicants:

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66 East Washington Brett Battishill

The Clarkston Historic District Commission (HDC) approved a <u>Certificate of Appropriateness</u> (CoA) for installation of a side yard privacy fence at 66 East Washington during a July 12, 2022 meeting, based on the application dated July 11, 2022.

This Certificate of Appropriateness is issued based on information in the application and and materials provided by the applicant, including:

- Photos (some taken by HDC Chairperson, J. Meloche for clarity)
- An information page on vinyl fencing

## Details:

- Application is for a 6-foot privacy fence at or near the property line on the east elevation from the garage to a line extending eastward from the front façade (north elevation) of the original house.
- The Commission noted that considering the very important aspect of the neighborhood streetscape, extension of such a fence from the garage to the midpoint of the original house would be the most acceptable.
- It was noted that privacy type fences are usually not allowed in the front yard (i.e., beyond the midpoint of the house).\*
- To increase privacy toward the street, the visual fence line could be extended northward through the use of screening plantings.
- Fence material is heavy-duty white vinyl as seen in the specification sheet submitted (Freedom Outdoor Living Vinyl Fencing).

This satisfies DOI Standards #9 and #10.

(\*) A subsequent site visit established that the east face of the original house is 28 feet wide, so the midpoint of the face is 14 feet from either end. Centered in the east face is an

City of the Village of Clarkston Historic District Commission 375 Depot Road Clarkston, Michigan 48346 248 625-1559 entry door. The new privacy fence, therefore, cannot extend closer to the street than the center of the easterly entry door.

Homeowners must return to the Historic District Commission with any changes of design or materials

A Certificate of Appropriateness (CoA) is only approval for the requirements of the City of the Village of Clarkston Historic District and does not replace or supersede zoning, building construction permits, other city ordinances and legal requirements. A Historic District Commission CoA is valid for one year. If the approved work is not complete within that time, please contact the city office for review.

Jim Meloche

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